

GCA Meeting 18th August 2020

Greenwich Sailing Club

Covid Meeting Protocol

Apologies: Michael Carr, Suzanne Carr, P Deane, Karen Macalister-Hohnen, Simon Macalister-Hohnen, Peter Sweeney, Maralyn Lawson

Confirmation of Minutes – Moved by L Gill, Seconded by

Councillor Reports –

Councillor Vissel attended the meeting but did not deliver a report.

Treasurer's Report

Looking for higher take-up rate of membership. Welcome to people from other Wards of LC and the Golf Club. Newsletter is largest expense.

Facebook will complement our communication in a few months.

Whilst the GCA constitution says that only Greenwich residents can vote however we welcome financial support and attendance at meetings of those outside the suburb who would like to join seeing several issues are broad and impact across other suburbs.

St Leonards South

Dept of Planning has not been responsive to our requests for information. The 2036 Plan is to be released in few days however SLS will be excluded from that decision. They are reportedly still making an assessment and taking IPC decision into account.

It is concerning that the Dept approved a grant to LCC for Bob Campbell Oval which is said to supplement the needs of the SLS population.

The GCA still drilling down on LCCs claim that there has been a reduction in dwellings of between 17-20%. LCC have not provided this information, despite request from GCA and others. GCA members have spent significant time assessing the data and concluded that there is actually a possibility that we could end up with more apartments than originally planned and in contradiction to what Council has publicly claimed.

Effectively LCC did not substantiate to the GCA the claim that there would be a reduction in the number of dwellings before deciding to approve the revised SLS planning proposal.

Residents at the meeting said this should be a point of complaint to the ombudsman. Council should have shared that information – should have been open. This is a Local Government issue.

Concern is that not only has the percentage not been verified, there is nothing to prevent the developer from reducing size of apartments to get more in. People at the meeting said we were denied consultation.

DPIE is the consent authority so a complaint to OLG won't affect the numbers of dwellings.

There was discussion that it can't be fought on technicality but rather procedural grounds and the reliance on unvalidated data.

Resolution

It was resolved unanimously that GCA be authorised to write to OLG seeking an investigation of the processes around LCC's approval of the amended SLS proposal – specifically the 17% and refusal to allow community consultation on the basis that it was illegal.

It was suggested that the GCA approach Naremburn & Wollstonecraft. They also didn't manage community feedback and reporting of it to the Council as per their own policy.

LCC wanted to continue s711 based on No. of people per dwelling. They needed these funds to pay for the open space. The SIC Levy would make the development even less feasible. The decision will come out with the 2036 Plan.

Sport and Recreation Precinct

There was no drop in session as advertised but rather a presentation of what Council is planning to do.

GCA's position is that we can't give feedback when there are no costings (estimated between \$20mill and \$60mill) no business case (as info 7 years old) and precious green open space is being sacrificed for driving range & Putt Putt.

There was no real consideration of alternatives & using old information & expected increase of population in near future.

Resolution

GCA to write to LCC to request that all future submissions are to invite those making submissions to provide full, part or no public access.

Bob Campbell Oval

Grant given to LCC including a SUP to SLS. They have \$3.6m

Their plan is to provide a synthetic surface, reorganising the space. DPIE said lack of consultation not their issue. As for the Shared User Path they don't consider how it could be actually delivered. The community has received conflicting information from them.

The SUP is going to be suspended & off the road. The matter running off the soccer pitch is supposed to be captured by a 200mm kerb. As for the Greenwich Village Games a schematic of how that could proceed on a synthetic field has been requested of them by a community member. LCCs behaviour will mean a contest between different user groups. This is the only area in Greenwich where children can run on grass.

The Crown Reserve grant for the ground is for public recreation – not sports exclusively.

Formal consultation will commence in mid-September.

MANN'S POINT PLAN

Pam Palmer raised this from the most recent Council Meeting. A resident in the meeting advised that he and another resident discussed the replacement of a fence at Mann's Point with her and Mack as they live close by. The resident raised that the area should reflect and better respect the custodial history and Pam Palmer had ideas about park benches etc.

The Mann's Point Plan will be a '101' for community consultation. Pam Palmer suggested that consultation would be by email. The resident, however, advised her that Face to Face consultation was essential. Members at the meeting said there should be a Community Advisory Committee established.

FACEBOOK & GCA

The GCA has recently set up a FB Group. The GCA will invite all people to join. Issues of liability have been considered. There will be 3 administrators. Suggestions will be sought about approval of content before it is posted. Rules for membership will be included. There will be a Disclaimer. There is a hope to include links to other relevant organisations such as In the Cove and the BPN.

LAND ENCROACHMENT ON PUBLIC LAND

Occurring in Glenview Street. Private property owner blocking. Also in Richards Street where bushes from a property is blocking the footpath. All GCA can and will do is raise with Councillors.

CROWN LAND SUBMISSION

Being prepared by GCA.

OVER RAIL PLAZA

There is no visibility on costs.

Meeting closed 9:30pm.